

version is the version of the web page that is available from the web server at the time the user makes a request for differencing. For example, claims 1, 8, 21 and 23 call for a current version of an Internet web page to be provided directly from or by a web server. Likewise, claim 15 calls for a most current version of an Internet web page to be immediately received from a web server. Additionally, claim 22 calls for a most current version of an Internet web page that is available on a web server.

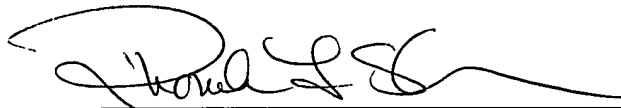
In contrast, Ball's current version is one that is stored on an external service remote from the web server for the desired web page. See column 4, lines 8-15 and 29-51. Thus, Ball's differencing is between two stored versions, one being more current than the other. See column 4, lines 52-67 (especially lines 55-62) through column 5, lines 1-40; column 6, lines 29-33 and 49-62. For example, Ball periodically checks for changes between a stored, base web page and the original, web page on the world wide web (www). See column 4, lines 14-15. If changes in the web page have occurred, then the present version is copied to the external service and compared to the base page. See column 4, lines 29-33. The base page may be the latest version stored. See column 4, lines 58-61. The changes are stored on the external service for later reconstruction of the web page. See column 4, lines 62-67 through column 5, lines 1-8.

The period to check for changes between a base page and original page is determined by the user, which can be one hour, one day or one week. See column 8, lines 1-11. As a result, reconstruction, hence differencing, can only take place after the changes have been detected and not before. See column 8, lines 12-16. Thus, when a user of Ball's system checks for changes between two versions of a web page, the user is presented with stored changes, which may not reflect information presently on the web page at the time the user checks for differences. As such, Ball's differencing is not between an archived web page and one that is retrieved straight from the desired web page's web server.

Because neither Ball nor Webster disclose a limitation presented in the independent claims, the independent claims and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.

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